

LUCY IN THE SKY WITH A SMILE On a clear night sky on Monday, Venus and Jupiter with the waxing crescent moon form a "pretty rare" "planetary conjunction."



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Obama names Hillary Clinton secretary of state

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GSIS, SSS, Landbank sell Meralco shares for P10B to Ongpin group

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House poised to bury impeach rap last night

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Leila B. Salaverria

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS poised last night to hammer the final nail on the coffin of the latest impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo, described by the opposition as a funeral done with "indecent haste."

HOUSE / A2

Moon, Venus, Jupiter form smiley in the skies

By Alcuin Papa

NOW SHOWING IN THE PHILIPPINE NIGHT sky: A smiling face formed by the rare alignment of planets Venus and Jupiter and directly below it, the crescent moon.

Jose Pepe Mendoza, of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa), told the Inquirer yesterday that Venus had aligned with Jupiter to

MOON / A2

Velarde threatens march vs Cha-cha

El Shaddai leader urges GMA: Stop it

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and TJ Burgonio

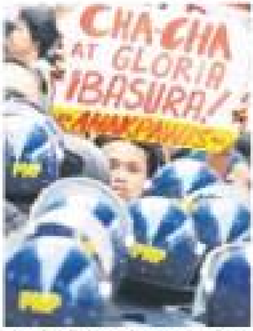
THE SPIRITUAL ADVISER OF President Macapagal-Arroyo has threatened to mount one-million-strong street protests against the campaign of her allies in the House of Representatives for the amendment of the 1987 Constitution.

Bro. Mike Velarde, leader of the El Shaddai that counts at least four million members, again aired his warning to Congress not to push Charter change (Cha-cha) and, in the process, extend the term of the President and other elected officials beyond 2010.

But this time, Velarde also directed his appeal to Ms Arroyo, saying she should "use her persuasive powers on her allies" to withdraw their resolutions calling for Charter change and stop their campaign for a constituent assembly (Con-ass).

"Otherwise, if the President will not do it, we will do it in the streets," he told the Inquirer on the phone.

VELARDE / A2



BARRICADE Protesters are drowned in a sea of helmets as antiriot cops block them in Mendiola during their rally on Tuesday even as the impeachment complaint vs President Arroyo is DOA at the House plenary.



GLORIA AND BILL Once upon a time classmates at Georgetown University, President Arroyo and ex-President Bill Clinton are genial dialogue partners during the Clinton Global Initiative Asia Meeting in Hong Kong. Ms Arroyo congratulated Clinton on his wife Hillary's appointment to the Obama Cabinet as secretary of state.

It's official: US sank into recession starting last year

LONDON—WORLD STOCK MARKETS TUMbled on Tuesday, dragged down by heavy losses the previous day on Wall Street after the United States confirmed it has been in recession for a year already and a raft of grim data suggested worse lay around the corner.

A steep interest rate cut by Australia's central bank and fresh steps by Japan to tackle the credit crunch failed to soothe investor fears.

Stocks slumped in Asia, with Tokyo closing down 6.35 percent, Hong Kong sliding 5.0 percent, Seoul shedding 3.3 percent and Sydney sliding 4.2 percent. In early European trade, London was down 1.43 percent, Frankfurt lost 1.60 percent and Paris fell 1.41.

US stock futures pointed to slight gains in Tuesday's session. Major US stock indexes fell around 8 percent in Monday's trading.

The bleak outlook for the US economy also drove

IT'S OFFICIAL / A2

Court brings down Thai gov't

BANGKOK—THAILAND'S PRIME minister resigned on Tuesday after weeks of protests that paralyzed his government and closed the capital's airports. Cargo flights resumed and protesters promised to lift their siege by Wednesday.

The resignation of Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat came after the nation's Constitutional Court dissolved Thailand's top three ruling parties for electoral fraud and banned him from politics for five years.

Somchai, who has been forced to govern from the northern city of Chiang Mai since Wednesday, accepted the ruling with equanimity.

"It is not a problem. I was not working for myself. Now I will be a full-time citizen," he told reporters in Chiang Mai.

Protest leaders said the airport seizures, which stranded 300,000 foreign travelers, would end Wednesday.

With the waning of the political crisis, the official in charge of Thailand's airports said Suvarnabhumi

CONSTITUTIONAL / A2

House seeks arrest order vs Bolante runner

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON Agriculture yesterday resumed taking its turn at questioning Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante, and said he might have violated the budget department's rules when he realigned part of the P728-million fertilizer fund to officials who were not on the list of beneficiaries that he had earlier submitted.

The committee chair, Palawan Rep. Abraham Mitra, also granted a

HOUSE SEEKS / A8

Stranded Pinoys applaud on landing

By Jerome Aning in Manila, Carla P. Gomez, Inquirer Visayas, and Noel Abel O. Velasco in Bangkok

AFTER THEIR ORDEAL IN Bangkok, Filipinos on a special Philippine Airlines flight from northern Thailand broke out in loud applause at 11:25 Monday night as it touched down at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

"We are so happy and relieved to be home," Edith Villanueva, Sugar Industry Foundation Inc. president, told the Inquirer shortly after the plane landed.

She and her husband Jose Ma. Villanueva, president of First Farmers Holding Corp. in Talisay City, were among the 422 Filipinos who returned on the first PAL plane sent to pick up stranded Filipinos in Thailand since protesters shut down two Bangkok airports.

The PAL flight left the northern city of Chiang Mai where the Filipinos had been brought by buses from Bangkok.

STRANDED / A2

WANTED: TEXTBOOKS CRUSADER

Despite DepEd ban, sick books still in use

By Erika Sauler

(Second of three parts)

i-TEAM Report

Fernando del Mundo, Chief

DESPITE AN EDICT PROscribing their use, "sick books" remain alive and kicking, in at least two schools.

Three weeks before classes opened this year, the Department of Education (DepEd) directed the withdrawal of the textbooks in science and English used in private elementary schools it had found to have errors.

Antonio Calipjo Go, a self-styled crusader against "sick books" who recently gave up his advocacy after a well-orchestrated media attack, had exposed flaws in the two textbook series by Phoenix Publishing House Corp.

After a review of Go's claims, DepEd's Instructional Materials Council Secretariat (IMCS) issued the order in May pulling out "Simply Science in the New Century" and "Harnessing English Arts Today" (HEART) for Grades 1 to 6.

DESPITE / A8

Robin topbills PDI 'Read-Along' for peace

By Jeffrey M. Tupas, Inquirer Mindanao

DATU ODIN SINSUAT, SHARIFF Kabunsuan—He entered the classroom with the same swagger seen on TV and film, striding as the pupils-turned-fans outside wildly shrieked.

Actor Robin Padilla's presence briefly halted the first storytelling session of the Inquirer's Read-Along program at Broce Central Elementary School of Peace in Barangay Semba here on Tuesday morning, but it was forgivable.

Padilla, who flew from Manila to General Santos City and motored to Cotabato City on Monday, was the Inquirer's celebrity reader to 30 Muslim and Christian schoolchildren. His visit was in time for the observance of the Mindanao Week of Peace, which ends today.

As the shrill settled, broadcaster

ROBIN / A19



READ-ALONG WITH BINOE Actor and peace advocate Robin Padilla reads a story to about 30 Christian and Moro children of Broce Central Elementary School of Peace in Shariff Kabunsuan.

Second FRONT PAGE



It's MOA or nothing – MILF



Moro rebs OK with new peace panel chief, but...

PIKIT, NORTH COTABATO—"It's MOA-AD or nothing," the chief peace negotiator of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) said yesterday in reaction to the government's reconstitution of its peace panel.

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With reports from AP, AFP

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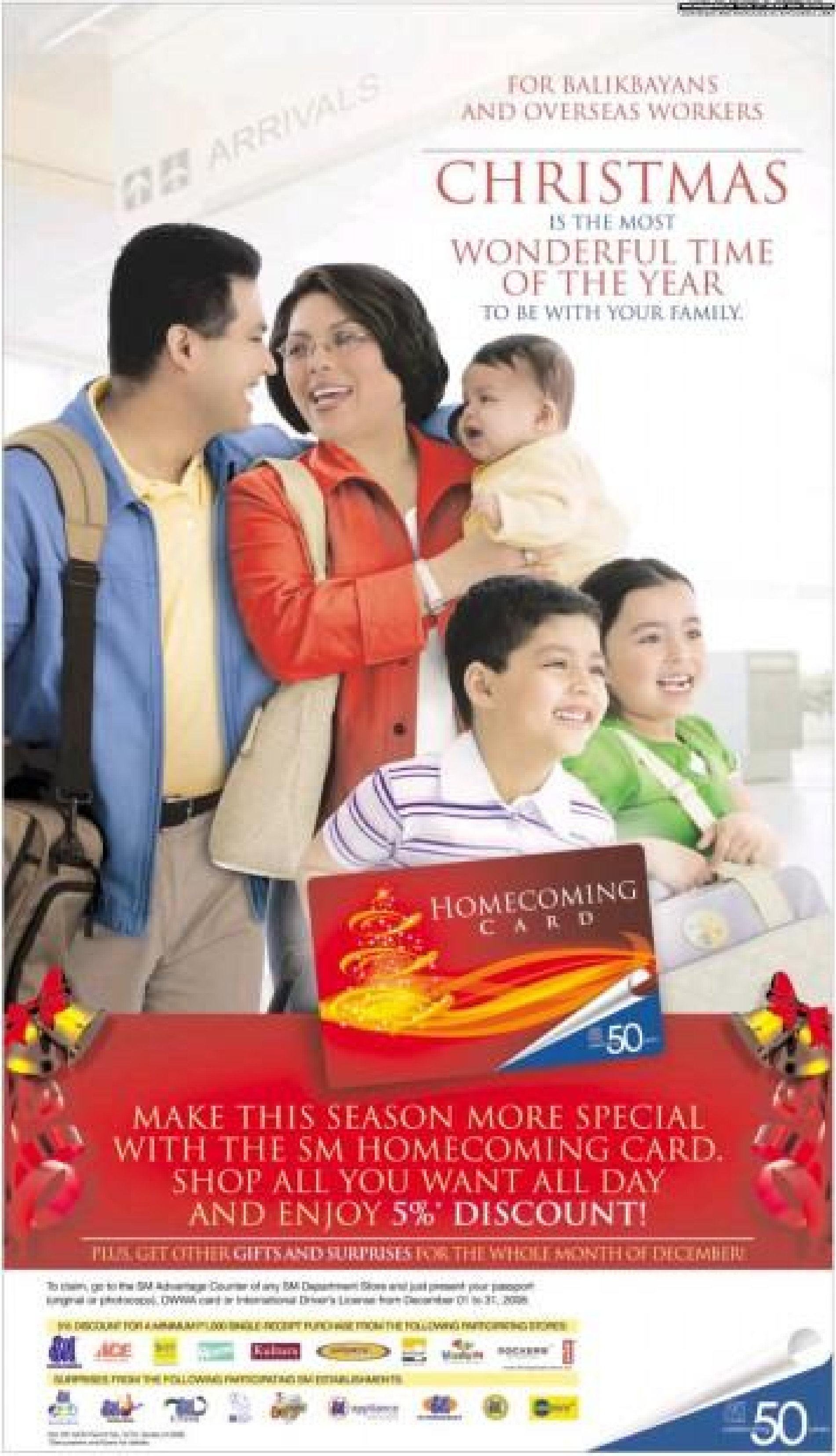
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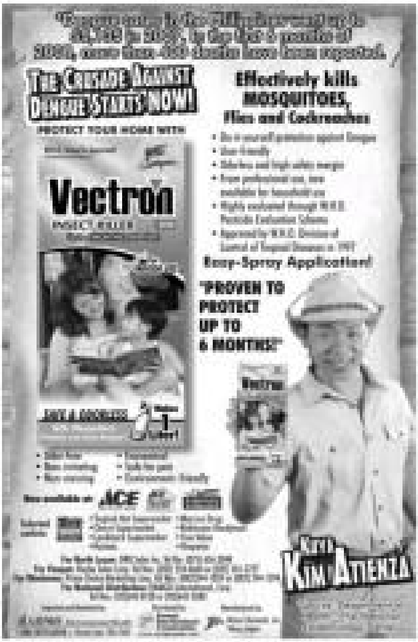

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By Philip C. Tubeza



HK Pinoys hold rally vs Arroyo



Forum a reunion for GMA, Clinton

By Philip C. Tubeza



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Toyota example

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Gov’t execs warned against ‘shady deals’

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House seeks arrest order vs Bolante runner

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BOLANTE

'It's not unusual'

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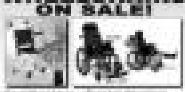
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Informal Oslo talks collapse

INFORMAL PEACE TALKS in Norway between the government and the communist-led National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) have apparently collapsed.

The NDFP accused government peace negotiators of "sabotaging" the talks by insisting on a ceasefire between government forces and the New People's Army (NPA) rebels as a precondition for the resumption of formal peace negotiations.

The government negotiating panel led by former Labor Secretary Nieves Confesor and the NDFP group headed by Luis Jalandoni met in Oslo, Norway, from Nov. 27 to 30 to explore the possibilities of resuming the stalled peace negotiations as a way of ending four decades of insurgency in the country. The informal meeting was hosted by the Norwegian government.

In a statement e-mailed to the Inquirer yesterday, Fidel Agcaoili, NDFP peace panel spokesperson, said their group had proposed a draft joint statement for the resumption of formal negotiations but the government panel rejected it by insisting on a prolonged ceasefire as a precondition for the talks.

Surrender negotiations

"This precondition is calculated by the GRP (Government of the Republic of the Philippines) to convert the peace negotiations into negotiations of surrender and pacification under the pretext of ceasefire," he said.

The NDFP is the political arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines, whose founder—Jose Maria Sison—is in exile in Europe.

Agcaoili added that "the GRP seeks to prevent the serious and sustained negotiations on social, economic, political and constitutional reforms as the basis of a just and lasting peace."

He said "all illusions must be cast away as the current administration is not at all interested in peace negotiations."

Agcaoili said that what they have been offering since August 2005 was a ceasefire for the duration of every formal meeting of the negotiating panels as a goodwill and confidence-building measure.

He argued that their ceasefire proposal would be an "incentive to substantive meetings by the negotiating panels."

Prolonged ceasefire

"But what the GRP wants is a prolonged ceasefire to serve their pacification of the people's resistance and to block substantive peace negotiations in violation of The Hague Joint Declaration. This solemn declaration requires that no side shall impose on the other any precondition which negates the character and purpose of peace negotiations," he said.

Agcaoili said it was "highly unlikely" that there would ever be a formal negotiation under the Arroyo regime, which would continue "to escalate its brutal campaign of suppression against the people."

The government panel has not yet issued a response to the NDFP statement.

Peace talks between the government and the communist rebels were stalled in 2004 after the insurgents protested the government's alleged inaction in having them removed from the terrorist lists of the United States and the European Union.

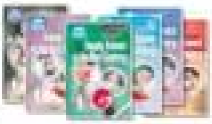
The negotiating panels earlier held informal talks in Norway from May 13 to 15.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has given security forces until 2010 to defeat the NPA, which, according to military estimates, had 5,700 fighters at the end of 2007. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*





Despite DepEd ban, sick books still in use



Lourdes School, St. Theresa's College

No options given

'We should have been told'

Ignorance excuses no one

Order should have been e-mailed

Correction booklet

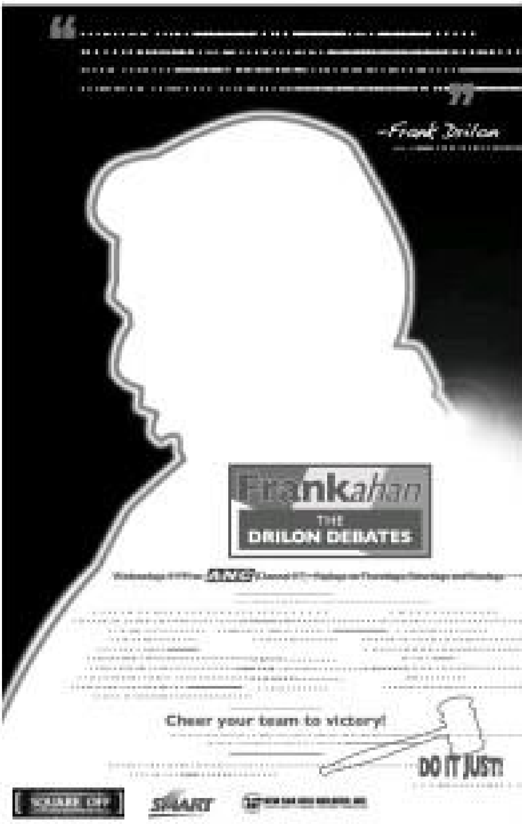
WHAT WENT BEFORE

The Gang of Four

By Lawrence de Guzman
Inquirer Research

Women close to Estrada

Minor case filed in court



Robin topbills PDI 'Read-Along'

'School of peace'

Read and act

Peace and friendship

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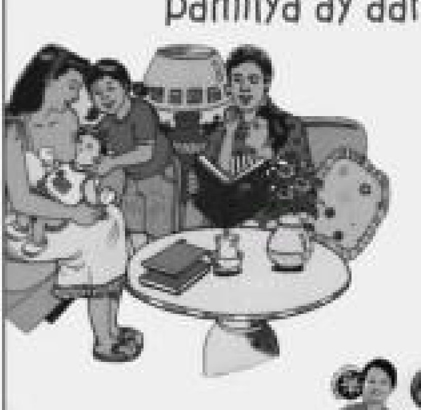
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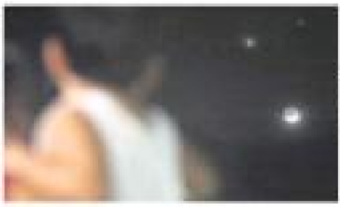
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Moon, Venus, Jupiter form smiley in the skies



CHILD'S PLAY

No smileys in US, Europe

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Turbulence next week



It's offi
into rec
starting

Depth of recession

Weak manufacturing

1.2 million jobs lost

Contractions





THE "R" WORD Outgoing US Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson delivers an update on the economy and the markets at the Fortune 500 Forum on Monday in Washington.



A FILIPINO trader walks in front of the electronic board at the Philippine Stock Exchange in Makati City.

Thailand postpones Asean summit to March next year

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No comparison

Investors jittery

In pain for so long



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Opinion

Quicksand of greed

Editorial



Make LGUs liable when cracker factories explode

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

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There's the Rub

Conrado de Quiros

Redesigning capitalism

WORLD VIEW

Michel Rocard

Project Syndicate

Different loves

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

A 'shameful' disease?

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Treasure from trash

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

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De Venecia the contradiction

LETTERS

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Sadly, silence has ceased to be golden

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GMA like Jesus Christ?

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Raising taxes is no way to meet recession fears

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Our Merciful Mother bestows to the nation and the whole world the spirit of healing and kindness as we celebrate the feast of

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Am I not life and health?
Have I not placed you on my lap?
And made you my responsibility?
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For inquiries, please contact Fr. Cornelio Malangalhan (046) 435-0940 / (046) 509-0231

Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Hanjin faces 2nd suspension over deaths



BREATHER

Government soldiers rest beside a coconut trunk in Pikit, North Cotabato, site of some of the fiercest clashes between government troopers and Moro guerrillas.

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—THE KOREAN SHIPBUILDER HANJIN Heavy Industries and Construction Philippines Inc. is facing an indefinite suspension following the recent deaths of two Filipino workers in its shipyard at the Subic Bay Freeport.

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> After completing one ship in August from its shipyard in Subic, Zambales, Hanjin still has to build nine more.

2nd suspension

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15 accidents

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2 letters

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Kites main source of Dagupan outages

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—NEXT TIME YOUR light goes off, it could be because of a kite that got entangled in the electric wires.

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Ecija capital city celebrates founding

PALAYAN, THE CAPITAL CITY OF NUEVA Ecija, on Tuesday opened the week-long Palayan Festival to celebrate the [illegible] founding anniversary of the city.

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Panlilio to return to priesthood at term's end



CLARK FREEPORT—Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio said he would return to priesthood once his term ends in 2010.

Panlilio was suspended from his priestly duties in 2007 after he agreed to the clamor of Kapampangans to run against candidates identified with alleged links to illegal gambling and quarry corruption.

"There is no money in public office. The only thing there is an opportunity to show that we are serving and loving the Lord and country," he said during a gathering of the Jesus is Lord members at the Bagong Pilipino's amphitheater on Sunday.

The JIL celebrated the 31st anniversary of their church in Pampanga. JIL leader Eddie Villanueva, who ran but lost in the 2004 presidential elections, attended the event.

Panlilio, during the JIL program, did not reveal plans for his reelection or of his seeking a national position.

Instead, he announced preparations in organizing a computer political slate for local and national positions.

"I asked two things from you. Let's prepare God's nation. It could not only be me. Let's choose our candidates from denominations and churches with God-centered visions and agenda for mayors, vice mayors, board members, vice governors, governors, congressmen, senators, vice president and president," he said.

"Let's vote wisely. Let's vote for God-centered people," he added.

Panlilio, who is facing a recall petition at the Commission on Elections, said the crusade for good governance and responsible citizenship was "not a simple adventure."



BAD-EDDIE Villanueva, head of the Jesus is Lord Movement, blesses Pampanga Gov. Eddie Panlilio, a Catholic priest, during a meeting of the two political reform leaders.

"This is a divine, Godly crusade," he said, explaining that in politics, which he likened to a stinking toilet, "many politicians don't clean it but mess it up all the more."

"We need Filipinos who let God claim politics for God," he said.

In an interview, Panlilio said: "My personal preference is to go back to my priestly ministry."

"I hold on to what I said then that I would only serve one term. I shall dispose myself to God, prepare our lay leaders to take on the challenge of public governance," he said.

Panlilio, 56, defined the priesthood as "involving oneself in the life of the poor."

Villanueva, chair of the Bangon Pilipinas Movement, said some people had recommended that he take Panlilio as running mate in the 2010 elections.

"Well, there are some people who intimated the plan," he told reporters, without giving details.

But he said he has yet to firm up plans for 2010, Villanueva said. *Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Congress steps into Aeta, Clark dispute over lands

CLARK FREEPORT—THE DISPUTE between Aetas and the state-owned Clark Development Corp. (CDC) over 16,000 hectares of land within this free port's Sacobia subzone has reached Congress.

The House committee on national cultural communities has sought a review of terms and a win-win solution to the 16-year-old row that arose from conflicting laws.

Benguet Rep. Samuel Dangwa, the committee chair, ended the hearing on Thursday here with a plan to review the terms in the joint management agreement (JMA) signed by the CDC, Tribong Ayta and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples on Dec. 6, 2007.

The property, attacked in the middle of the 27,600-hectare subzone and 4,400-hectare main zone of Clark, is covered by Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) No. R03-BAM-1104-023.

Dangwa said the lack of participation by the local governments and the 80-20 percent sharing scheme between the CDC and the Aeta, respectively, required a remedy.

Nueva Vizcaya Rep. Carlos Padilla opted for a win-win solution so the CDC and the Aeta could live in peaceful and beneficial co-existence.

Congress, through the Bases Conversion Law of 1991 (Republic Act 7227), asked the CDC to convert and develop the former Clark Air Base of the United States into an economic zone. The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (Republic Act 8371) promoted and protected the rights of indigenous communities.

In the hearing called by Pampanga Rep. Carmelo Lazatin and Tarlac Rep. Jeci Lapus, CDC president Benigno Ricafort agreed to have the JMA reviewed "with the best interest of both parties in mind."

Ricafort disagreed with the proposal to scrap the JMA, saying it was basically a conflict resolution scheme.

NCIP Commissioner Rolando Rivera took the same stance, saying the development of Clark and the Aeta went hand-in-hand.

But CDC administrations fought to reduce the CADT area to retain more lands for economic development. Ricafort's immediate predecessor, Levy Laus, instead involved the Aeta to draw up a joint management plan. *Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*





INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOLARS SPEAK

'THE 'PRO-R.H. BILL' ATENEO DE MANILA ACADEMICS ARE GRAVELY MISTAKEN—NO CATHOLIC CAN IN GOOD CONSCIENCE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 5043'

An open letter from 42 theologians, philosophers, and professors of law, economics, demography, sociology, medicine and political science in 17 universities, six major seminaries and centers of theological studies, and one international think tank in the United States, Britain, Spain, Poland and the Middle East

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Conserving watersheds also justice issue

'Without the watersheds, there would be no dams and no business'

WHEN IFUGAO GOV. Teodoro Baguilat Jr. argued in a recent watershed summit that upland communities must be justly compensated for maintaining the headwaters and watersheds for the lowlands, he articulated the ecological principle that all ecosystems are interconnected.

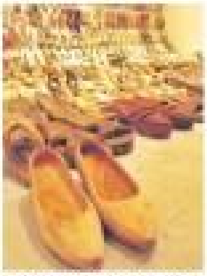






Wooden shoe exhibit shows soul of Pinoys

GERMAN ARTIST HANS Angerer has been fascinated with former First Lady Imelda Marcos' collection of shoes. This fascination, he said, has been channeled into a collaboration with Ifugao artists that will feature their skills in woodcarving.





CAMARINES FLOOD

Another bomb found at Iglesia ni Cristo church

Urban poor groups demand ₱1 rollback in tricycle fare



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PROTESTERS VS PROTESTERS



WAITING, WATCHING



CELEBRATION

Constitutional Court brings down Thai gov't

'Dishonest parties' dissolved

Blow to corruption

Interim leader

Cargo flights resume

15 RP golfers among stranded in Bangkok

3 foreigners trying to leave Bangkok killed in car crash

Stranded Pinoys applaud on landing at Naia

Additional flights

Relief

Souvenir photo

Early Christmas shopping

Friendly Thais

Birthday with new friends

Velarde threatens march vs Cha-cha



VELARDE: I'll start Dec. 12.

'Stop your children'

'Show leadership'

Starting Dec. 12

FVR cautions lawmakers against pursuing Charter change



RAMOS

No trigger

Wake-up call

House poised to bury impeach rap in the dead of night

'Grossly insufficient'



SPEAKER Prospero Nograles gestures during the plenary session of the impeachment case at the Batasan Tuesday.

De Venecia cleared GMA

President firmly in saddle

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Taxi cab driver charged

7 more victims tag suspect in UST coed's case

By Marcy C. Carvajal

SOME WOMEN HAVE CALLED UP THE QUEZON City Police District headquarters in Camp Karingal to report that they or their daughter were also victimized by taxi driver Primitivo Sarmiento, who was arrested based on a tip on Monday after he robbed and attempted to abduct a University of Santo Tomas student last month.

Supt. Ignacio Tarra, chief of the QCPD General Investigation section, said that four women have signified their intention to file charges against Sarmiento after they identified him through an artist sketch released by the police.

Two more have contacted lawyer Elton Pangangan to say that they were also victimized by the suspect.

Pangangan represents Valerie (not her real name), the 18-year-old UST student who boarded Sarmiento's RJL taxi cab with license plate TWC 897 on Nov. 22.

In her complaint, Valerie accused the driver of taking her P5,000 bill. She also claimed that when she looked on getting her change, Sarmiento sped off with her still inside the cab. She escaped by jumping from the running vehicle, sustaining minor injuries in the process.

Following his arrest, Sarmiento was charged by the QCPD Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit with estafa and kidnapping at the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office.

The charges were approved by First City Prosecutor Maynard Reyes who recommended no bail for the suspect's temporary liberty.

Yesterday, a staffer of Land Transportation Office chief Alberto Suansing who identified himself as Gene Aguila went to the QCPD headquarters to investigate Sarmiento for the possible permanent cancellation of his driver's license.

Pangangan told the Inquirer that the suspect used the same modus operandi to rob his victims, mostly young students, although he did not try to abduct them like he did with Valerie.

Ironically, one of the incidents took place on Nov. 25, three days after Valerie was robbed and nearly kidnapped.

Yesterday, another woman who said she was victimized by Sarmiento narrated her ordeal in an e-mail she sent to the Inquirer.

Joan (not her real name) said that she boarded a RJL taxi cab with plate number TWC 897 at around 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 13.

She claimed that Sarmiento harassed her into paying him a fare of P1,200 by claiming that

TAXI A24

DOJ indicts Baron Geisler

By Norman Bordadora

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE has approved the filing of charges of acts of lasciviousness against actor Baron Geisler in connection with the complaint filed against him by the daughter of showbiz couple William Martinez and Yayo Aguila.

Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño said Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Felipe found the allegations made by Nicolette Marie Martinez against Geisler to be credible.

DOJ prosecutors recommended a bail of P12,000 for the actor's temporary liberty.

In her complaint, Bordalla said that Geisler (Baron Ferdinand Von Geisler in real life) touched her breasts in a bar in Makati City in April and asked her to have sex with him.

Geisler, meanwhile, denied the charges against him and filed a countercharge of unjust vexation against Patricia, claiming that she just wanted to destroy his reputation.

He also filed perjury raps against witnesses Stefanie Ann Chua Martinez and Aguila.

Zuño, however, approved the dismissal of the charges against Patricia, Chua and Aguila, saying that Geisler had failed to present enough evidence to back up his allegations against the three women.

"We found probable cause against Geisler for acts of lasciviousness and insufficient evidence against Stefanie Ann Chua Martinez and Rosario Aguila [Yayo] Martinez," he told reporters.

The charge of acts of lasciviousness carries a penalty of six months to six years, Zuño said.



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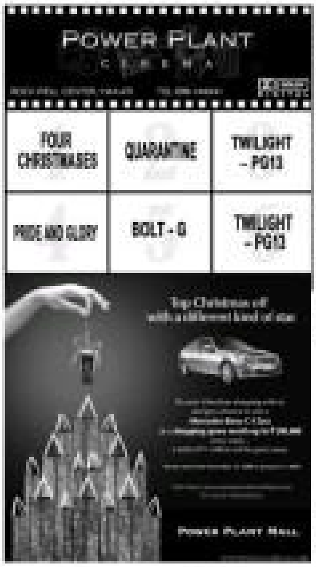
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CHICAGO—PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA PROMISED new leadership in a troubled world, announcing a strong-willed national security team headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who fought him long and bitterly for the presidency, and Robert Gates, the man who has been running two wars for George W. Bush.



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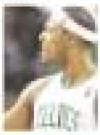
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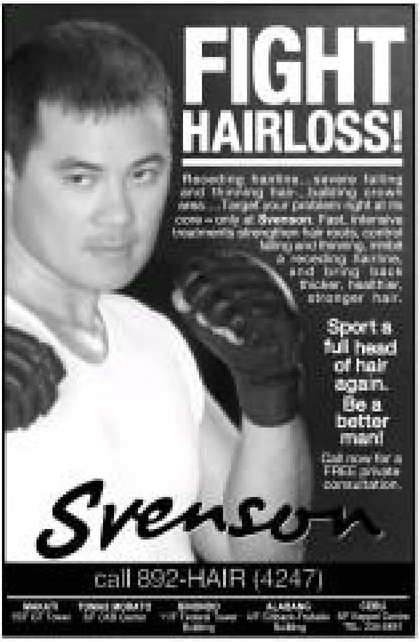
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Citigroup raises growth forecast for RP

Cites aggressive gov't pump-priming efforts

By Doris C. Dumlao

AMERICAN BANKING GIANT CITIGROUP RAISED ITS OUTLOOK on the Philippine economy for this year and 2009 as a more aggressive government pump-priming is expected to compensate for the slack in the export sector.

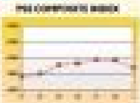
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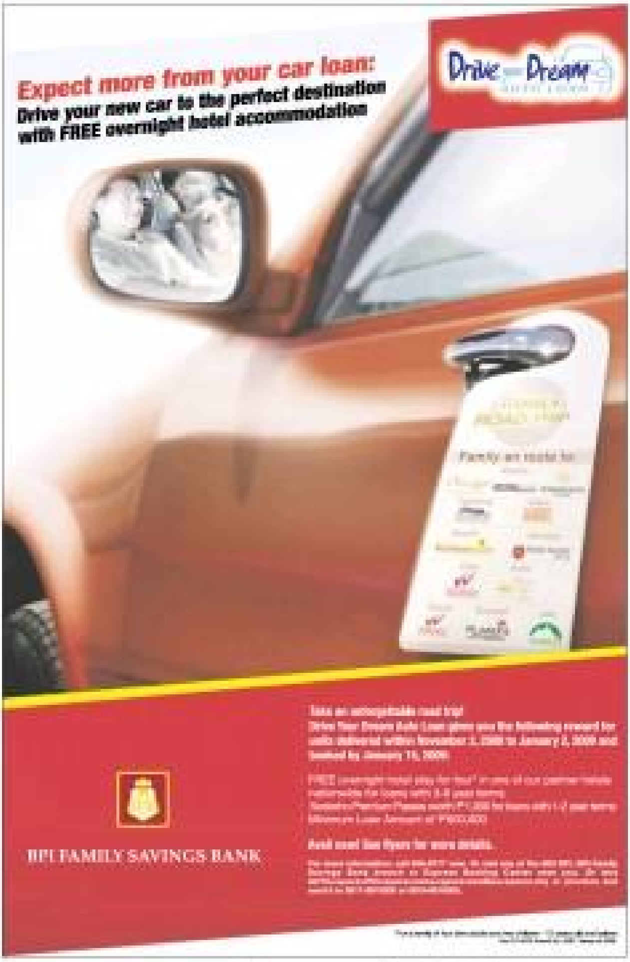
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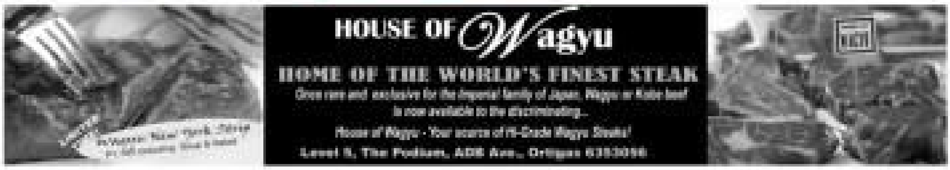
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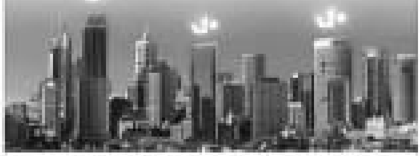
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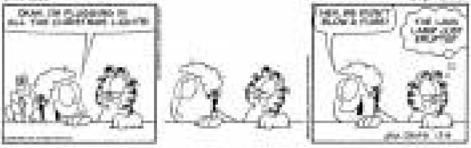
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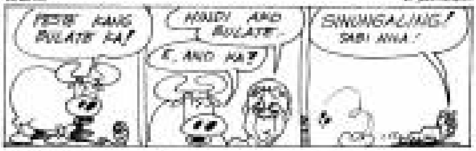




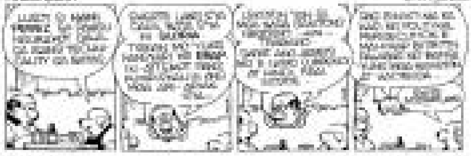
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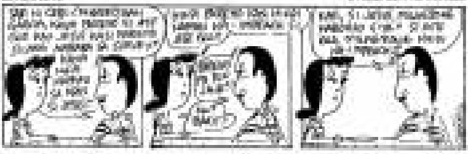
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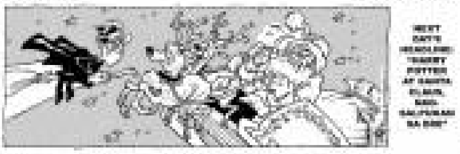
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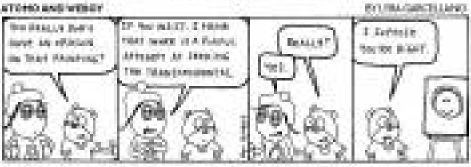
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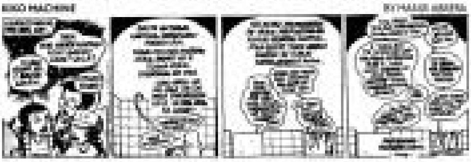
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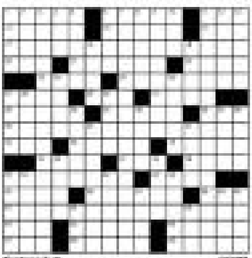
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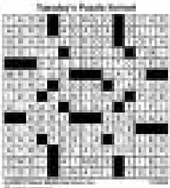
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So your daughters are swooning over vampires. What to do

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and part from your regular video game.

Despite being in love with a vampire, Bella, the series' main character, is actually a good girl. She gets good grades in school and cooks for her father. Her parents' safety is always her big concern. But she does let Edward sneak into her room at night.

Bella Swan does choose to become a vampire to be with Edward forever. She knows this means death and she knows this means letting go of her old life, of her friends and family, and this is something that she thinks about a lot before making this decision.

The series isn't just about vampires; there are werewolves in it too.

Good vs. evil is a recurring theme.

Facing the consequences of one's actions is another recurring theme.

"Twilight" is fiction and your children must realize that too, no matter how in love with Edward they claim to be.

Like "Harry Potter," "Twilight" is a good way to encourage your teenagers to read even if they haven't expressed an interest in books before.

The fourth book in the series, "Breaking Dawn," is the one that requires the most parental guidance.

Your children must realize that 'Twilight' is fiction



Parental guidance on vampires

VAMPIRES, WEREWOLVES AND TEENage girls. How worried should parents be about the "Twilight" phenomenon? We asked Ivette Pangan Salvador, guidance counselor of high school seniors of Paref Catholic High School.

She says, "The danger is if they get too fascinated even when there are parts that they don't really understand. This is why they need the proper guidance from parents."

Salvador admits that the romance angle in "Twilight" will really pique the interest of teenagers. "Not all kids are interested in vampires. But it's different when you bring in the romance angle, when you put that twist," she says. "But there have to be boundaries."

The problem, Salvador says, is that a lot of parents today are too busy to monitor what their kids are doing—where they're going, what they're reading or how they're spending their free time.

They must make an effort. "There are weekends. They can go watch the movie with their kids. Even when it comes to books, they should still have control."

Salvador tells her students the same thing. "When they ask me why their parents wouldn't let them read certain things or buy what they ask for, I tell them their parents should still be in control. That there should be discipline."

It doesn't stop at books and movies. According to Salvador, parents should be extra careful now that we're living in the age of the Internet. The time kids spend online should be another concern. "They have access to so much information on the Internet. There are students who get up in the middle of the night to use the Internet without their parents' knowing it."

Reading about vampires isn't bad—as long as there's parental guidance. "It's entertaining, it's informative, but parents should be there to guide them and remind them not to get carried away."



A BRIGHT OBJECT SHONE IN THE SKY over two thousand years ago. Three wise men followed it. A baby was born in a manger. It's a familiar story. But was that bright object shining in the sky really a star? Or was it something else? What could it be? It's a mystery that has perplexed historians and biblical scholars over the centuries. But are there really answers to this ancient mystery?

Take a glimpse at the theories that attempt to explain this historical piece of puzzle when you watch the movie "Mystery of the Christmas Star" in the country's only Digistar Planetarium at the SM Science Discovery Center in the SM Mall of Asia.

Through the years, astronomers, biblical scholars, and others have proposed a variety of objects for the Christmas star—comets, meteors, supernovas, exploding stars or a grouping of the planets Jupiter and Venus. Some even suggest that the star was a miracle created specially by God.

Experts have pooled their skills in creating this movie and after extensive research came up with this thought provoking piece. Michael Daut from Webster University co-wrote and produced this film. He is a director of show production for Evans and Sutherland. Being the world's first computer graphics company, Evans and Sutherland has been developing advanced computer graphics technology for almost four decades focusing primarily on digital planetariums and digital cinemas worldwide.

In the movie, astronomical, historical and astrological data were dug up, brought to life and eloquently discussed, where they point to certain possibilities that will keep you enraptured throughout. The wondrous eye of the Old Testament is used as a take-off point of the story.

The movie also delves into the identity of the three wise men. Were they really kings from the East? Were they astrologers? What route did they take to get to the manger where the Baby Jesus was born?

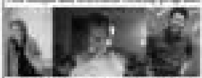
A highly educational movie, it will truly give you a deeper appreciation of how Christmas came about because of the Christmas Star.

For without the Star of Bethlehem splendidly shining in the dark ancient horizon, the three wise men could not have found baby Jesus. And the Christmas Story as we know it today would not have been the same.

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10 tips: How to shop for toys

AS PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO RUSH to toy shops this holiday season, toy experts give 10 tips on selecting the right toys for any occasion.

• **Fun and engaging.** Choose those you think your child will have fun with. It's better to bring your child while shopping so you know how he or she reacts to the toys you choose.

• **Age appropriate.** Look for the age grading on toys. There are indicators from the manufacturer so you can see which toy is appropriate for your child's age.

• **Natural play patterns.** Look for toys that tap the child's interests. For example, girls like playing with Barbie, My Scene and Polly Pocket dolls and playsets, while boys will surely love action figures like Mega Bloks Neo Shifters and Cars and sports toys like Hot Wheels, Matchbox, and Tech Deck.

• **Good recommendations.** Check with your friends to see what toys their kids like the best. Most of the best toys are rated by word-of-mouth. Major baby publications also review and recommend new and exciting toys with both play and educational values.



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• **Grow with me benefit.** Look for toys that grow with your child, covering more than one developmental stage. Look for toys that can be customized to your child's learning ability or cognitive stage. For example, VTech laptops can adjust subject and skill levels that fit your child's needs.

• **Milestones.** Select toys that match the child's physical and intellectual milestones: standing, crawling and walking for infants; letter recognition, reading and writing for older children like Chicco and Disney Toy Collections that guide baby in his different stages of development.

• **Variety is the spice of life.** Look for toys that offer a variety of activities to keep a child interested. Even babies get bored.

• **Play together.** Look for toys that give you the opportunity to participate in the play like Scrabble, Pictionary, UNO Game Cards and VTech video games that promote interaction and boost the child's learning, creativity and imagination.

• **Smart toys.** When selecting a learning toy, evaluate whether it is not trying to sell its "smart." If it introduces the alphabet, make sure it has the entire alphabet, not just A, B or C. Also, look if that provides a multi-sensory approach to learning—through sight, sound and touch.



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• **Peace of mind.** Parents have the final ideas of things that their children love (and things they do not). Parents must know safety. Avoid buying toys with small parts for children less than 3 years old. They could choke on them. For smaller children, avoid toys with sharp edges and points. Make sure the toys you buy are made of sturdy plastic that does not easily break into tiny pieces, or develop sharp, jagged edges. When the toy is damaged, dispose of or repair it immediately. The art materials should be nontoxic. And when buying a bike, buy a helmet, too.

Trust only toy brands that have been known for their quality and innovation. Imitation toys are not only made of substandard materials but also may contain toxic materials that are bad for your child's health.



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Trends to C

C-section then and now

Changing trends often pertain to fashion, culture or lifestyle. But even with childbirth, there appears to be a growing trend: caesarean delivery. Caesarean birth is the birth of a baby by surgery. The doctor makes an incision in the belly and uterus and then removes the baby.

"Not only in the Philippines have we seen an increase in C-section but also globally, especially in Latin American countries, in the US and and even in China," observed Dr. Raul Quillamor, an obstetrician-gynecologist and professor at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center (UERMMMC).

C-section then

According to Dr. Quillamor, primary C-section used to be performed when the delicate condition of the mother or the baby posed certain problems. On the part of the mother these conditions may be one of the following:

- Labor can no longer be induced
- Mother is suffering from severe infections that can also affect the baby
- There is prolonged labor as the baby is too big
- The mother has an anatomically contracted pelvis

For the baby, C-section became imperative given these conditions:

- The baby's heart rate is persistently fast or persistently slow
- The baby is not in a head-down position close to the due date



- The baby is at risk due to a problem with the umbilical cord

C-section now

These days, C-section has become nearly as safe as vaginal deliveries. C-section rates are increasing due to the fetal monitor which can more accurately indicate when a fetus is in trouble and needs to be delivered in a hurry. More expectant mothers are exceeding recommended weight gain and have large babies who may be more difficult to deliver vaginally."

Some mothers would also choose to have C-section deliveries because they hear about how grueling labor can be or because of cultural influences. Says Dr. Quillamor, "They consult a feng-shui expert specialist to find out the best time for the baby to be delivered. If the mother will not go into labor on that particular date, she would request for a caesarean section."



Caesarean babies may be more susceptible to allergies, asthma and gastrointestinal infections

Baby matters

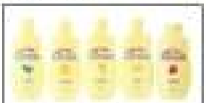
Recent studies suggest that caesarean babies may be more susceptible to allergies, asthma and gastrointestinal infections. The reason: they bypass the birthing process, which promotes the early awakening of their immune systems by exposure to bacteria.

In contrast, babies born via normal delivery, come into contact with the mom's own bacteria. This triggers the spread of good bacteria in the infant's gut where 80% of his immune system is located. The more good bacteria an infant has, the earlier his immune system can be stimulated and trained to be strong.

Breast milk is best

This is why C-section mothers need to provide their babies with the best source of defense, something that comes naturally. "Breast milk has important nutrients for the growth and development of the baby" says Dr. Quillamor. "It has antibodies that help protect the baby from developing infections, and it also has friendly organisms like Bifidobacteria and Lactobacilli." These are also called probiotics, friendly bacteria that need to be present in the baby's gut in order to strengthen his immune system.

So while childbirth has seen some changing trends, it's comforting to know that the nurturing goodness of mother's milk remains constant.



CIRCUS baby products

Create play-bonding moments

PLAY-BONDING MOMENTS ARE CRUCIAL to your baby's social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth.

According to babycenter.com, play is your baby's way of learning about his/her body and the world. That's why you must make time to have fun with your baby and encourage your baby to explore and discover new things.

Circus, the new baby care brand from Tupperware Brands Philippines, has a new range of baby care products for mother-baby bonding. It has circus animals.

Its baby-care products include baby powder, lotion, bath, shampoo and cologne that come in circus-friendly scent with floral notes.

Here are tips on how to create bonding time with baby:

• Letting baby play in water is a fun way for your baby to learn about the world. For different toys he/she can enjoy. Sing to baby as you bathe him/her up.

• Introduce activities you can enjoy together like blowing bubbles or singing songs.

• When playing with toys, get down on the floor with baby. Any activity will seem more fun if your baby can share it closely with you.

• Talk to your baby while you play to help boost his/her language skills.

• Read to your baby. The more you demonstrate the love of books, the more your baby will love them when he gets older. After bathing, use Circus Baby Powder with Lola the Giraffe.

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LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining





USE items you already own such as Chinese or Cloisonné bowls to form arrangements. Rachy uses anahaw leaves dipped in gold, combined with giant pinecones, poinsettias and incense sticks.

STYLE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Ancestral home gets a makeover

Rachy Cuna blends 'anahaw' leaves and twigs with his Oriental collections to create old-world charm

By Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

LEADING STYLIST Rachy Cuna, who's become known for his innovative floral arrangements, shows us how to give Christmas that old-world charm, and how to use local materials and oriental accents.

In his beautifully restored ancestral home in Manila, Rachy veered away from traditional holiday décor such as gigantic green trees and ornaments. Instead, he created a festive ambiance by arranging local materials such as anahaw leaves, tassels, garden twigs and his collectibles. He mixed them with traditional Chinese accessories such as pine cones and poinsettias.

To make everything bright and merry, he used red and gold.

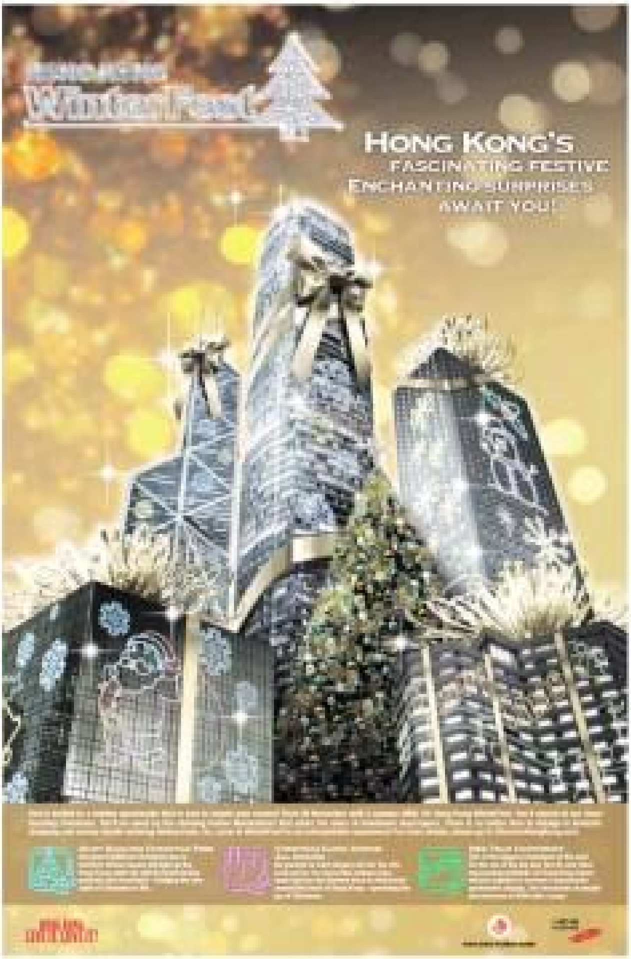
Take your cue from Rachy and decorate your home to suit your taste and bare your personality. A few tips:

- There are no hard and fast rules. Use your imagination and think out of the box.
- Don't follow trends or what you see in other homes.

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DECORATE door frames for drama and flair. Garden twigs, which won't cost you a cent, make for interesting accents when mixed with Christmas accessories such as poinsettias.



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CEBU'S glam gal Rosalyn Chiongbian



CEBU'S low-profile socialites [illegible]



CEBU City vice mayor Michael Rama with Allied Bank's [illegible]

Mabuhay Miles Mastercard goes to Cebu



PAL CEBU'S Noel Hindao and taipan Eddie Gaisano



ALLIED Bank's Moira Viola and PAL's Nia Domingo



WILLY and Isabel Co



PAL's Barbara Aragon and Allied Banking Corporation's Fel Razo

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES JETTED in to Cebu with lots of rewards, pakyaw, to celebrate Mabuhay Miles MasterCard's international recognition. Held at the elegant Casa Español, the grand presentation was headed by Allied Bank's first vice president and card center head, Fel C. Razo Jr. and Philippine Airlines' assistant vice president for product loyalty marketing, eye-catching Barbara Aragon. The event's host was hard to beat: Richard Poon, who belted out the [illegible] with a repertoire of great songs.

"Early this October, it won an APMEA Award for Best Prestige Co-Brand Program, beating all the players of the category in the Asia-Pacific, Middle East and Africa. But Mabuhay Miles MasterCard refuses to rest on its laurels. It continues to build its rapport with members A to Z, giving its World and Platinum products with more attractive incentives," said cyber-smart Aragon, to the applause of the invitees, pakyaw.

Now the card has even lowered its point-to-mile conversion from P50 to P35, making it faster to get free flights aboard Philippine Airlines. Bravo.

Check it out, dahlings. This fantastic reward ends Dec. 31.

Dolly Ann's birthday bash

The super fun birthday bash of Tropezz's top-of-the-line entertainment columnist, my pakyaw, witty, multilingual Dolly Ann Carvajal was recently held at Tropezz Restaurant and Bar in Greenbelt 3, dahlings.

I was out of town at the time,



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using YKL Photo Solutions

but I was told that the excellently-prepared dinner was by Tropezz owners, captivating and talented Ivo Pascual and Jill Fernandez.

Like most high-energy happenings, the highlight was the singing of Gabby Concepcion, Ogie Alcasid and Dreftne Ocampo. Gabby sang solo from his album, which he dedicated to Dolly Ann.

Seen having a great time were our celebrant's close pals, like movie queen Amalia Fuentes, Tropezz's unmistakable Lovely J. Magsaysay, Ms Universe Gloria Diaz, [illegible], TV host-actor Cesar Montano, Marvin Agustin, Rafa Mae Quinto, PR man [illegible], Al Mendoza, best of pals Heidi Montenegro and Lalai de Leon, who all stayed on 'til past Cinderella's bed time, dahlings.

Cheers to my pakyaw, our favorite Princess for a Day Dolly Ann.

Glitzy launch

As I entered the place where the world's biggest event was taking place, I couldn't help but comment, "Wow! This is awesome." I was completely overwhelmed by the sights and sounds of dancing lights, ice dancers, fire, ballroom belly dancers, drumbeaters and gorgeous Club Mwah show girls at the newest lifestyle hub in Makati. A. Venue is a spacious events mall at the Avenil Lifestyle City along Makati Avenue. Studio Technik provided the video coverage and the able support of Asia United Bank, pakyaw. Welcoming the A-list were Avenil Group of Companies, Avenil president Elena Joo, marketing director and developer Fabian Lao and project director Nancy Zou. There was also a fashion parade of [illegible] holiday collection and a hot-hot dance number by the Hotlegs, natch. Wine was provided by Ambrosia Brandy and the incredible buffet spread was catered by [illegible].

Avenil Lifestyle City is a 1.7-ha. city that combines A. Venue, and its Hall, the A. Venue Residences and the A. Venue Hotel Suites. With A. Venue as its core, super smart Zou had this to say: "The three-story mall is now fully integrated with rows of dining pleasures, upscale bars with different materials, meats, and themed lifestyle services that are open from sunset to sunrise."

Canon's new products

It was like a Mardi Gras celebration as Canon Marketing Philippines staged a grand launch of its 22 new products at The Fort's NBC Tent, pakyaw. The event dubbed "Canon Breakthrough Celebrations" featured a wide range of printers, compact and professional cameras.



THE BEAUTIFUL hosts behind Tropezz Restaurant and Bar, Ivo Pascual and Jill Fernandez, with guests Dreftne Ocampo, Paolo Contis, and Princess for a Day Dolly Ann Carvajal



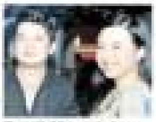
CLOSE pals Heidi Montenegro and Lalai de Leon with the celebrator



BUFA Mae Quinto and Gabby Concepcion



MULTIFACETED taipan George Yang in a duet with diva Bituin Escalante



TV ANCHOR [illegible] with his wife Tinsie Barcelo

The show started with a sea-inspired musical, followed by a fun fashion show by designers from the School of Fashion and the Arts. Their creations were displayed on the runway along with the new and stylish line of digital camera models that will soon hit retail outlets.

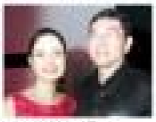
Canon jazzed up the happening with a photo exhibit by renowned photographer and Canon EOS professional, John Chua. Entitled "Sky Bound," the exhibit showcased breathtaking aerial shots taken throughout his successful and well-awarded years using his Canon EOS Mark III, dahlings. The event also featured the first photo exhibit of Canon brand ambassador, popular actor Richard Gomez. It was a collection of his travel, landscape and human interest photographs, shot through the years with Canon's EOS digital SLR cameras.

For more info, log on to www.canon.com.ph or call 884-9000.

UST concert

The Christmas Concert Gala, pakyaw, will be held on Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at the University of Santo Tomas Chapel. The fundraiser will benefit the UST Museum Conservation and scholarship grants for students of the Conservatory of Music. The event is in cooperation with the sleek Town & Country Magazine.

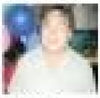
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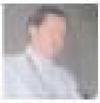
ARCHITECT Fred Sibug and gorgeous wife Isa



CANON endorser Richard Gomez



ACCLAIMED photographer John Chua



RAMON Ereñeta, president and CEO of Canon Marketing Philippines, addressing the crowd at the NBC Tent



IRENE and Anthony Lim with Johanna Lee



WILLIAM [illegible] and [illegible]



THE BRILLIANT gang behind the awesome event: A. Venue project director Nancy Zou, Avenil marketing director and developer Fabian Lao and Avenil president Elena Joo, with guests congresswoman Abby Binay-Campos and congressman Teddy Boy Locsin



CANON girls [illegible] with Yashica president [illegible]



Tips for safe travel in a taxi

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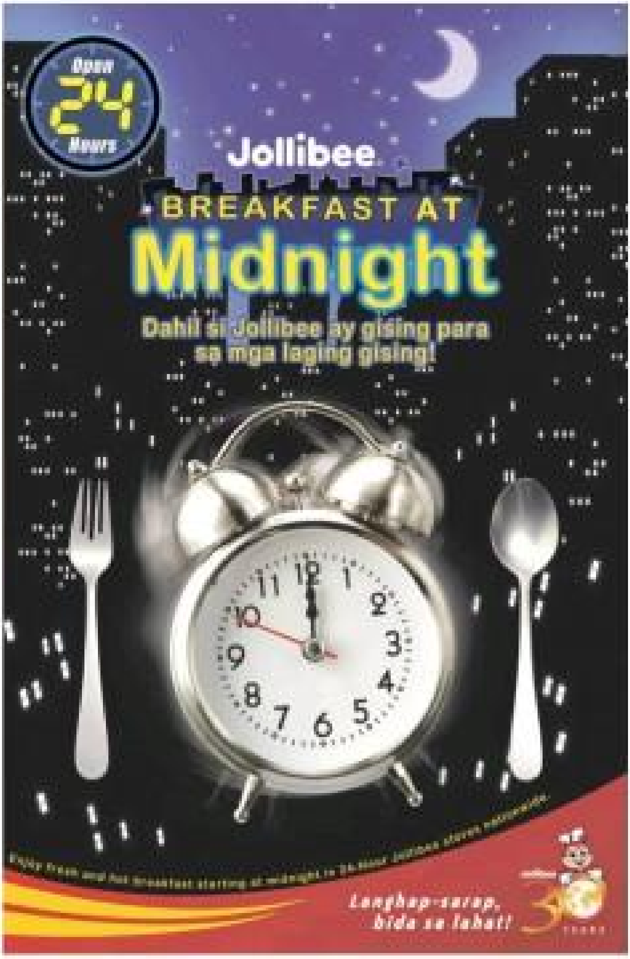
Linda B. Bolido

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Ancestral home gets a makeover



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Benji Reyes shows you how to plan the landscape to unify everything



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Silence







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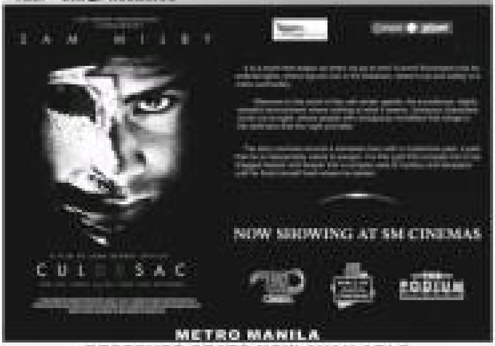
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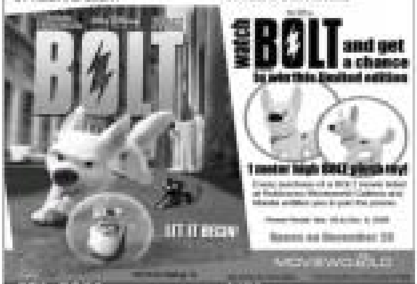
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Opening Today

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Quarantine

Stars Jennifer Carpenter, Jay Hernandez, Johnathon Schaech, Columbus Short

Directed by John Erick Dowdle

Along with [illegible] residents, a TV reporter (Carpenter) gets trapped in an apartment building that's infected by a zombie contagion. [illegible] says it's "[illegible] and keeps [tension] off-guard."

RockNRolla

Stars Gerard Butler, Thandie Newton, Jeremy Piven, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Tom Wilkinson, Toby Kebbell

Directed by Guy Ritchie

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Pride and Glory

Stars Edward Norton, Colin Farrell, Jon Voight, Noah Emmerich

Directed by Gavin O'Connor

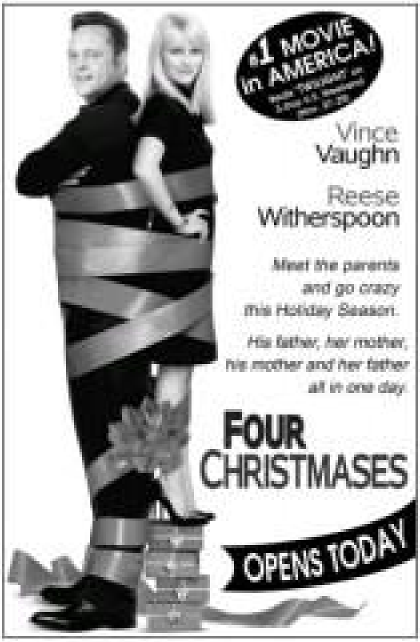
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Four Christmases

Stars Reese Witherspoon, Vince Vaughn, Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Jon Favreau, Jon Voight

Directed by Seth Gordon

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At the Cinemas

Cinema	Screen	Film
GLORIETTA 1	1	QUARANTINE
	2	TWILIGHT
	3	FOUR CHRISTMASES
	4	PRIDE & GLORY
GLORIETTA 4	1	FOUR CHRISTMASES
	2	QUARANTINE
	3	TWILIGHT
	4	[illegible]
	5	BOLT
	6	TWILIGHT
	7	ROCKNROLLA
GREENBELT 1	1	QUARANTINE
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	3	ROCKNROLLA
	4	FOUR CHRISTMASES
	5	PRIDE & GLORY
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1	TWILIGHT
	2	TWILIGHT
	3	FOUR CHRISTMASES
	4	QUARANTINE
	5	PRIDE & GLORY
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1	TWILIGHT
	2	BOLT
	3	QUARANTINE
	4	[illegible]
MARKET! MARKET!	1	TWILIGHT
	2	FOUR CHRISTMASES
	3	PRIDE & GLORY
	4	QUARANTINE
	5	[illegible]
TRINOMA	1	FOUR CHRISTMASES
	2	PRIDE & GLORY
	3	QUARANTINE
	4	TWILIGHT
	5	BOLT
	6	TWILIGHT
	7	TWILIGHT

At the Malls

Mall	Event
Glorietta	ABENSON APPLIANCE FAIR, November 25–December 2 [illegible]
Greenbelt	GREENBELT 3 EXCLUSIVE SALE, November 21–23
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
Onstage	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	ABENSON APPLIANCE FAIR [illegible]

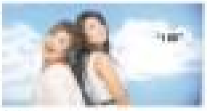






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